

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 703

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A RESOLUTION relative to the humane care and humane euthanasia of horses.

WHEREAS, the sluggish American economy and other societal factors have combined to create an overpopulation of horses in this nation; and

WHEREAS, we are now faced with determining humane end-of-life choices for abandoned, unwanted, and aged horses; and

WHEREAS, part of this process is educating the public about the realities of both horse overpopulation and horse slaughter; and

WHEREAS, the public should be informed of the unscrupulous tactics employed by pro-slaughter horse buyers; and

WHEREAS, the public should be made aware that horse slaughter is not humane euthanasia, but rather constitutes cruelty to animals, and thus should be eliminated as an end-of-life choice for horses; and

WHEREAS, horse owners need to be educated about the benefits of micro chipping their horses for identification purposes and utilizing sales contracts that stipulate their horses cannot be sold for slaughter; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this General Assembly should provide effective leadership in resolving this societal problem with far-reaching consequences; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly supports and encourages Tennesseans to provide humane care and adequate boarding for abandoned and unwanted horses through responsible

breeding practices, sterilization/gelding, adoption, low-cost humane euthanasia, and accessible rendering.